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Better Way of Life

## THE BETTER WAY OF LIFE

### Introduction:

1. The supreme issue of life is not how long one lives, but how well one lives.
2. Heb 10:16-22--Christ offers a new and living way, etc.
3. We desire the Better Way of life in Physical realm.

Also in educational realm.

4. OBEDIENCE is the BETTER WAY: (Solomon) <sup>This is the conclusion to the</sup> <sup>see God + whole will</sup>  
Ecc. 12:13--Conclusion of whole matter- <sup>Keep His commandments</sup>  
Heb 5:8-9; Rev. 22:14; Mt 7:24ff - HEARS + DO THE COMMANDMENTS  
(FOOLISH BUILDER  
WISE BUILDER

### OBEDIENCE IS BETTER

1. Sacrifice and self-denial are necessary--Rom 12:1; Mt 16:24  
Bodies a living sacrifice

OBEDIENCE IS BETTER--1 Sam 15:22--Saul and Amelikites--Agag.  
Obedience is better than sacrifice

2. Obedience is better than FAITH ALONE:

- (1) Cannot obey without faith--Heb 11:6
- (2) Must have obedient faith--Rom 1:5; 16:25-26
- (3) Justified by works, not by faith only--Jas 2:24
- (4) Obedience is faith working--this avails--Gal 3:1; 5:6

3. Obedience is better than FAMILY CONNECTIONS:

Jews claimed greatness because of Abraham--Mt 3:9, Jn 8:37  
Now, obedient ones are true children of Abraham--Gal 3:26-29  
Rom 2:28-29--inwardly, Mt 15:38-39

4. Obedience is better than PLEASURE:

Heb 11:25-30--Moses  
This life is fleeting, momentary; not lasting;

5. Obedience is better than PRETENSION; SHAM:

Mt 7:21-3; Jas 2:10  
No place in God's family for sham; pretense; hypocrisy.

6. Obedience is better than WEALTH:

Lk 16:19ff--Rich man and Lazarus.

7. Obedience is better than MORALITY:

Cornelius--Acts 10

Not immorality

### EXAMPLES OF OBEDIENCE:

Abel--Gen 4:8 - Heb 11:4 - choose the better way  
"OFFERED"  
Abraham's call and offering of Isaac--Gen 12:22

Moses and call of Israelites--Red Sea--Exa 14:10-30

Prayer must be tied to obedience: 1Jn 5:14  
Would be sin to pray and not to act. according to his will

Mark 16:16

### 1Jn 5:3. LOVE OF GOD

KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS  
WHICH COMMANDMENTS?

1Jn 2:3 - KEEP

Christ { John 8:24 - Believe  
John 13:5 - Repent  
Mark 16:16 - Baptism

ALL